

Flood and Stormwater Commission, Princeton NJ
Agenda for Friday, July 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Conference

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Opening Statement: Adequate notice of this meeting as required by Sections 3d and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided and filed with the Princeton Clerk.

I. Roll Call

Meeting Start at 10:05 am

Members: David Cohen (Princeton Council Liaison), Stuart Lieberman (Chair), Scott Sillars, Chiara Smorada (Princeton Environmental Commission), Daniel Van Abs, Louise Wilson

Additional: Andrew Filippi (Sewer Engineer), Jenny Ludmer (Sustainable Jersey), Mike Pisaurro (Watershed Institute)

Janice Most joined to record

Absent: Barbara Vadnais

II. Approval of Agenda

First: S. Sillars

Second: D. Cohen

Motion passed unanimously

III. Approval of June 2, 2023 Minutes

Notes: D. Cohen provided edits

Unanimous approval

IV. Public Comment

N/A

V. Discussions and Decisions

- a. House Keeping – possibly cancel August meeting

Notes: September meeting has been moved to Friday on zoom Sept 8th

ACTION ITEM: D. Cohen will notify clerk's office

- b. Summary of Jersey Water Works program, session 1 (Vadnais)

N/A

- c. Municipal Update(Purcell/Cohen)

Notes: PEC ended ERI work with Ecotone. The Landwin application (for cluster development on Herrington Road) is with the planning board. Work is being done with the Landwin Development Corporation.

D. Cohen: Upgrades to pump stations are being made to flood-proof them. Work is being done with the Stonybrook Regional Sewage Authority.

- d. Floodplain Management Ordinance (Purcell)
Notes: A. Filipi indicates the ordinance is still in DEP's hands. D. Cohen thought revisions were approved.
 - e. Stormwater Flows Mapping (Filippi/Purcell)
Notes: Consultants are still taking old drawings and plans, scanning them, and moving them to GIS repository. A new GIS mobile app will be used to inspect stormwater inlets. Tablets are being ordered and inspections should begin by the end of the month.
 - f. Stormwater Utility, focus group update (Jim Purcell)
Notes: N/A
 - g. Master Plan/Utility Element and Climate Hazard Risk Assessment component (Justin)
Notes: L. Wilson indicates all elements being worked on. The second draft of most elements were reviewed by subcommittees and third drafts are forthcoming by September.
ACTION ITEM: Send to S. Lieberman
 - h. Storm Water Mitigation Plan. – Status of Counsel review (Sub-Committee)
Notes: Still with attorneys
 - i. Tree Removal Replacement Ordinance – Status of Princeton ordinance in light of the uniform language that had been proposed
Notes: D. Cohen suggests we update our local ordinance, with the model ordinance in mind, to make it more specific.
 - j. Report and update concerning Sustainable Jersey Gold status (Sustainable Princeton)
Notes: J. Ludmer is working on green infrastructure planning.
 - k. Rain garden designs, update from engineering
Notes: J. Ludmer presents rain garden design schematic and received feedback. L. Wilson discusses nutrient overload with certain kinds of mulch and D. Cohen discusses infiltration.
ACTION ITEM: Send updated infographic to FSWC
- VI. **Reports from liaisons**
- a. Princeton Environmental Commission
Notes: The flood plain ordinance has been passed along to PEC and C. Smorada will relay any questions/comments.
 - Community Science day for the fall being planned – this involves collaborations with Rogers Refuge and other open space areas.
 - PEC will apply for a microforest project at Princeton Middle School.
 - The waste transition team submitted a grant to begin organic food scraps collection in Sept/Oct (the municipality is working on the education component).
 - Green home video tour screening is being planned (screening may be in the Princeton Public Library)
 - b. Sustainable Princeton (Ludmer)

[Notes: included in earlier section \(V – k\)](#)

- c. Watershed Institute discussion of new rules relating to accurate precipitation data from NJDEP

[Notes: M. Pisauro reports commissioners signed inland flood protection rules. The next watershed conference is being planned.](#)

VII. Adjournment

Passed unanimously

Next Meeting: Friday September 8th at 10 a.m. (August meeting cancelled)